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## MICRONIZED VITAMIN C FORMULATION

### Abstract of the Disclosure

Stable vitamin C (L-ascorbic acid) compositions for topical application, comprising micronized L-ascorbic acid in a substantially non-aqueous carrier having a pH greater than that of skin, and preferably not lower than approximately 5.5 and not greater than approximately 7.5, are described. The composition may further comprise 5 papain as an enzymatic exfoliant in addition to humectants, emollients, viscosity-increasing agents, surfactants, and preservatives. Methods of preparing the micronized L-ascorbic acid for use in the described formulations, by a "wet" micronization process, 10 are also described. The compositions are useful as UV protectants, promoters of collagen synthesis and in the removal and/or treatment of wrinkles.

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